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Wyoming Community College-University of Wyoming 2025 INBRE Transition Student Program

Application deadline: FRIDAY MARCH 7th, 2025 (by 11:59PM)
(online process; Instruction and links are provided below)

Through a grant from the National Institute for General Medical Sciences the Wyoming Idea Network for Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) program offers competitive awards for outstanding community college life science students who are transferring to the University of Wyoming to pursue careers in the biomedical sciences and/or allied health fields. The program will provide financial support for selected students to attend UW for up to 2 years and engage in INBRE-supported research activities in addition to their degree coursework. The award is \$2,500 per semester for the fall and spring terms. Recipients must transfer to UW and enroll for the fall 2025 term and participate in biomedical and/or human health focused research. Note that support for this program is contingent on renewed funding from NIGMS for Wyoming INBRE, and if funding is secured, support for the second year of this transition student program will depend on student awardees meeting the requirements detailed below during their first year and throughout the program duration.

In the first fall semester, students will rotate through two research laboratories. At the end of their second rotation, students will choose a 'home laboratory' to conduct independent mentored research and will be invited to submit research proposals for summer internships. Their research will continue through their senior year. Students may participate in additional or concurrent scholarship/fellowship programs with approval of Wyoming INBRE.

To maintain the award, the student must comply with the following requirements throughout the duration of the program:

- work ~10 hours/week in their assigned laboratory;
- maintain full-time enrollment and a minimum B (3.0) grade point average;
- attend specified INBRE events;
- present an oral or poster presentation at the Wyoming INBRE Conference and Wyoming Undergraduate Research & Inquiry event at the end of spring term.

Applicants must have participated in INBRE-supported activities on their community college campus. Please contact the INBRE office before beginning the application.

1. INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

Please note that only applicants committed to pursuing careers in biomedical and/or allied health fields will be considered for this award.

Applicants, please follow these instructions and note that items 2 and 3 should be gathered prior to the application process, each as a single PDF file (2 PDF files: 1. Letter of application, 2. Transcripts). Note that your **faculty recommender** MUST submit a confidential letter (in PDF format) online by the application deadline (see



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section 2). When applying (see details on process below), students will be prompted to submit each of their 2 items as separate PDF files.

The following are required for a complete application:

1. A completed **Wyoming INBRE application cover sheet** (completed online).
2. A **letter of application** including a description of the candidate's research experiences (INBRE and/or other); a description of the candidate's academic and career goals and expectations showing how these relate to his/her commitment to a **career in a biomedically-related field**; how the INBRE program has helped the candidate develop academically and professionally at his/her community college; how the INBRE transition award at UW will help the candidate achieve his/her career goal; and a statement of commitment to completing the INBRE research experience. The letter should not exceed 2 pages, DOUBLE-spaced, and should be comprehensive.

*This **letter of application** should be saved as a PDF file for submission during the online application process with the candidate's full name in the file name.*

3. A **complete undergraduate transcript record**. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable.

All transcript files (if different school transcripts are provided) should be gathered in a single PDF file that should be submitted during the online application process.

4. A **letter of recommendation from an INBRE collaborator faculty** (see list of faculty collaborators below). **This letter must be submitted by the faculty recommender** as a **PDF file**. Instructions for this letter and a submission link are provided below.

STUDENTS: [APPLY FOR AN INBRE TRANSITION AWARD](#). Applications are due by 11:59PM on Friday MARCH 7th, 2025.

2. INSTRUCTIONS FOR FACULTY RECOMMENDERS

Faculty, please note that this letter of recommendation is a critical component of the student's INBRE application. Therefore, it should be well crafted and should outline the qualities of the candidate that make him/her best suited for this award. It should also emphasize the training/course work the candidate completed that prepares him/her to tackle a biomedical-related career.

If recommending several student candidates for this program, you must submit each letter of recommendation separately through the link provided below.

*The letter of recommendation must be official (institution's letterhead and signature of faculty should be included; NO EMAIL). Submission of these letters of recommendation is restricted to a **PDF format**.*

FACULTY: [SUBMIT YOUR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION](#). Letters are due by 11:59PM on Friday MARCH 7th, 2025.



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*****NOTE TO APPLICANTS AND FACULTY RECOMMENDERS*****

The Wyoming INBRE Transition Student program is highly competitive and focuses on transition students who plan on a career or graduate program in **biomedically-related** and/or **allied health** fields. Materials such as the letter of application written and submitted by the student, and the recommendation letter from the INBRE collaborator/faculty, are both critical elements of these applications used to determine who will receive an award. Timely submissions are paramount; late or incomplete applications will not be considered. *It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure ALL application materials are submitted on time.*

3. TRANSITION PROGRAM SELECTION PROCESS

After initial screening of applications based on the quality of the application materials (emphasis on letter of application and letter of recommendation), selected individuals may be required to give a brief presentation on their research experience and participate in an interview with the selection committee before final selection of recipients.

If you have any questions about this WY INBRE Transition Student Program, please contact the INBRE collaborators on your campus (see list below) or Dr. Florence Teulé-Finley, Wyoming INBRE Program Coordinator (fteule@uwyo.edu):

List of Community Colleges and University of Wyoming INBRE Project Leads (PLs) and Faculty Collaborators:

- **Casper College/ UW- Casper:** Dagmara Motriuk-Smith (PL), Scott Seville, Florence Teulé-Finley, Riley Bernard, and Gabriel Barrile (UW Casper), and Charlotte Snodberg, Jeremy Burkett, Luis Alza, and Eric Mechalke (Casper College)
- **Central Wyoming College:** Bill Finney (PL), Jacki Klancher, Tara Womack-Schultz, Claudia Troxel, Lucy Graham, Charles Palmer, and Matt Herr (CWC-Riverton), and Kirsten Kapp (CWC-Jackson).
- **Eastern Wyoming College:** Chris Wenzel (PL)
- **Laramie County Community College:** Ami Wangeline and Zac Roehrs (co-PLs), Gavin Martin, and Heather Talbott.
- **Northwest College:** Eric Atkinson (PL), Allan Childs, Jay Dickerson, Uko Udodong and Austin Conklin.
- **Sheridan College:** Ami Erickson (PL) and Rob Milne.
- **Western Wyoming Community College:** Dave Tanner (PL) and Joshua Holmes.

The deadline for receipt of transition student program applications is by 11:59PM on March 7th, 2025. Late or incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

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